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23        NOV 16 1999        MS. GREENWALD: Hello. My name is Janet  
24        Greenwald. I'm representing Citizens for Alternatives  
25        to Radioactive Dumping. This office is in Albuquerque,

1 New Mexico, and also the Albuquerque Center for Peace  
2 and Justice.

1... 3 I'm so touched by coming to a hearing here  
4 and listening to people speak up against something they  
5 think will endanger them.

6 I attended hearings for 20 years in New  
7 Mexico concerning the WIPP project. Poor New Mexico.  
8 And poor Nevada.

9 No amount of scientists, independent  
10 scientists who testified that the WIPP site was  
11 unstable, would leak into the Pecos River and  
12 contaminate, even though the scientists who worked for  
13 the Department of Energy in the past, no number of  
14 those scientists ever counted.

15 The only thing that really counts here, I  
16 believe, is the fact that New Mexico has a small  
17 population; that it's a minority majority state; that  
18 its population is geographically spread out.

19 The same with Nevada. I've been there  
20 many times. I've been there many times looking into  
21 the sad faces of the Native Americans as they tried to  
22 stop the testing on their land, and now the dumping of  
23 radioactive waste on their land.

24 DOE has broken every promise it ever made  
25 New Mexico concerning this. They can't be trusted.

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1 From the time that they offered New Mexico veto over  
2 the project when they were first exploring it to this  
3 last year when we were in the middle of state hearings  
4 and they started shipping waste.

5 I have a file this thick of DOE letters  
6 and documents saying they would not ship until New  
7 Mexico had a state license. And now the State of New  
8 Mexico has asked from the Department of Energy that  
9 there be a bond against Westinghouse which, as you  
10 probably know here in Denver, is one of the most  
11 polluting corporations in the world, over 300  
12 environmental -- over 300 environmental violations in  
13 the United States, 50 OSHA violations.

14 They ask that waste that was going to be  
15 regulated from now on not be put with unregulated  
16 waste. They asked that the waste be characterized -- I  
17 forgot what it is how many barrels. A percentage of  
18 the barrels be characterized. Now the Department of  
19 Energy is suing New Mexico because New Mexico is asking  
20 for these minimal protections.

21 I was out on the highway one night  
22 monitoring the WIPP trucks. I was out on a little  
23 highway with about oh, 12, 13 other people. And this  
24 Highway 285 runs close to Kline's Corners. And the  
25 speed limit is 65 miles per hour.

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1                   We are waiting for the WIPP truck. We see  
2 these two trucks coming so fast we can hardly tell what  
3 they are, a tanker truck in front and right in back of  
4 that tanker truck was another truck.

5                   I said, "Wow, was that the WIPP truck that  
6 was going so fast?"

7                   Several of us hop into a truck and follow  
8 it. And it was. When we caught up to the truck and  
9 followed it for a while, it was going over 85 miles per  
10 hour in a 65 miles per hour zone.

1 cont. 11                  This isn't the only violation. [But DOE is  
12 not a respecter of promises or loss. If you want  
13 anything from them, get it in writing so you can sue  
14 them later; that's the only possibility of keeping them  
15 in any kind of line.]

16                  We do with a lawsuit going down there, and  
17 the people who saw the truck going at those speeds have  
18 signed affidavits and they will be in court. God knows  
19 if it will help or not. God help us all. Thank you.

20                  MR. BROWN: Thank you.

21                  I'll ask before we conclude, since we're  
22 right about on schedule, is there anybody else who  
23 would like to make a comment at this time?

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